

CALIFORNIA'S CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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Almonds - The 1999 almond production is forecast at a record 830 million meat pounds, up 60% from last year's crop. The forecast is based on a recently completed objective measurement survey. The nuts per tree are up 42% from last year, but the kernel weight is down 16%. Bearing acreage is estimated at 480,000 acres, up 4% from 1998. Statewide bloom reports ranged from good to excellent with ideal weather for pollination. Frost during the first two weeks of April caused moderate to heavy damage in a few locations, while other areas were unaffected. Cool, late spring weather delayed crop development by about two weeks.

Apricots - Estimated at 125,000 tons, the 1999 crop is expected to be 11% above last year, and unchanged from last month's forecast.

Grapes - *Wine grape* production this year is estimated at 2.90 million tons, up 13% from last year's crop. Due to the cool spring, maturity is behind normal. Recent hot weather has growers hopeful that maturity levels will catch up. Production of *table grapes* this year is expected to be 750,000 tons, up 16% from 1998's crop. *Raisin grape* production this year, forecast at 2.20 million tons, is up 2% from 1998.

Peaches - *Freestone peach* production this year is forecast at 345,000 tons, down 3% from last year's crop, with a yield of 9.3 tons per acre. This year's *Clingstone peach* crop is expected to be 550,000 tons, up 5% from the 1998 crop, with a yield of 18.5 tons per acre.

Grapefruit - The 1998-99 grapefruit production is expected to be 6% below last season, with a forecast of 17.0 million cartons.

Lemons - The 1998-99 lemon forecast is 36.0 million cartons. This is unchanged from the April forecast and down 18% from the 1997-98 production level of 44.0 million cartons.

Oranges - At 34.0 million cartons, the 1998-99 *Navel orange* forecast is down 61% from last season. The *Valencia orange* forecast, at 34.0 million cartons, is 32% below the previous season.

Other crops - The barley production forecast is up 4% to 187,200 tons. Oat production is forecast at 32,000 tons, down 11% from last year. *Winter wheat* production is expected to be 832,500 tons, 22% above the previous year, while *Durum wheat* production is 255,000 tons, down by 46%.

JULY CROP PRODUCTION ESTIMATES

CROP	PRODUCTION	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 1998
	<u>Tons</u>	
Apricots	125,000	+11
Grapes,		
All	5,850,000	+9
Raisin	2,200,000	+2
Table	750,000	+16
Wine	2,900,000	+13
Peaches,		
Clingstone	550,000	+5
Freestone	345,000	-3
Barley	187,200	+4
Oats	32,000	-11
Wheat,		
Durum	255,000	-46
Winter	832,500	+22
	<u>Million Meat Lbs.</u>	
Almonds	830	+60
	<u>Million Cartons</u>	
Citrus 1/		
Grapefruit	17.0	-6
Lemons	36.0	-18
Oranges,		
Navel	34.0	-61
Valencia	34.0	-32

1/ Grapefruit - 33.5 lbs. per carton; Lemons - 38.0 lbs. per carton;
Oranges - 37.5 lbs. per carton; Tangerines - 37.5 lbs. per carton.